

REMARKS

In the April 6, 2009 response, Claim 8 was amended to recite, *inter alia*, that the first holding section has a shaft which protrudes from an end face disposed at a side of the second holding section of the movable clamp section, and the second holding section has a long hole formed at a side of the first holding section of the movable clamp section and into which the shaft is inserted.

In the most recent Official Action, Claim 8 was rejected as being unpatentable over Spencer, Babyak, and Holstein. However, none of those references discloses a first holding section having a shaft which protrudes from an end face disposed at a side of a second holding section of a movable clamp section, or a second holding section having a long hole formed at a side of a first holding section of a movable clamp section and into which a shaft is inserted. Indeed, the above-referenced subject matter added to Claim 8 is not even mentioned in the most recent Official Action.

Claim 8 is therefore clearly allowable over Spencer, Babyak, and Holstein, and withdrawal of the rejection of Claim 8 is respectfully requested.

The dependent claims are allowable at least by virtue of their dependence from allowable independent claims. Thus, a detailed discussion of the additional distinguishing features recited in the dependent claims is not set forth at this time.

Early and favorable consideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Should any questions arise in connection with this application or should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference with the undersigned would be helpful in resolving any remaining issues pertaining to this application the undersigned respectfully requests that he be contacted at the number indicated below.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.20(d) and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

Respectfully submitted,

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